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## **Press Release Announcement – May 18, 2007 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 1 Percent From Last Year**

On May 1, 2007, Arizona had 340,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from a year ago, but unchanged from last month. Placements totaled 31,000 head during April, 4,000 head more than a year ago. During April, 30,000 head were marketed, up 6,000 head from last year.

On May 1, 2007, California had 550,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from last year, but up 20,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 85,000 head during April, up 25,000 head from last year. During April, 61,000 head were marketed, up 1,000 head from last year.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on May 1, 2007. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2006 but 6 percent above May 1, 2005. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.57 million, 3 percent below 2006 and 5 percent below 2005. Net placements were 1.47 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000, 600-699 pounds were 263,000, 700-799 pounds were 430,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.82 million, 2 percent above 2006 and 1 percent above 2005.

Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during April, 14 percent above 2006 and 9 percent above 2005.

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